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Entrance by mail in fall

By DAVID BOHRER, City Editor

Instead of waiting in registration lines for the coming Fall '84 semester, returning students will, for the first time at Valley, be able to register for their classes by mail. The newly adopted registration procedure will discontinue the use of priority numbers.

All 10 district campuses are included in the new mail-in registration procedure.

In the past, students' registration appointment slips were each given a priority number. This number determined the day and time of registration.

With the mail-in registration, however, "all students will be given an equal chance to get classes they have chosen, as all registration forms will be mailed simultaneously," said Dr. Mary Lee, Valley president.

"If a class is closed, students will be notified by either a phone call or return mail."

Registration forms will be mailed to returning students during the week of May 7-11, with class

schedules to be available May 7.

"Students will be required to fill out the form, including their desired classes, and also send with it the appropriate enrollment fee (\$5 per unit for students taking less than six units and \$50 for students enrolling with six or more units)," said Lee.

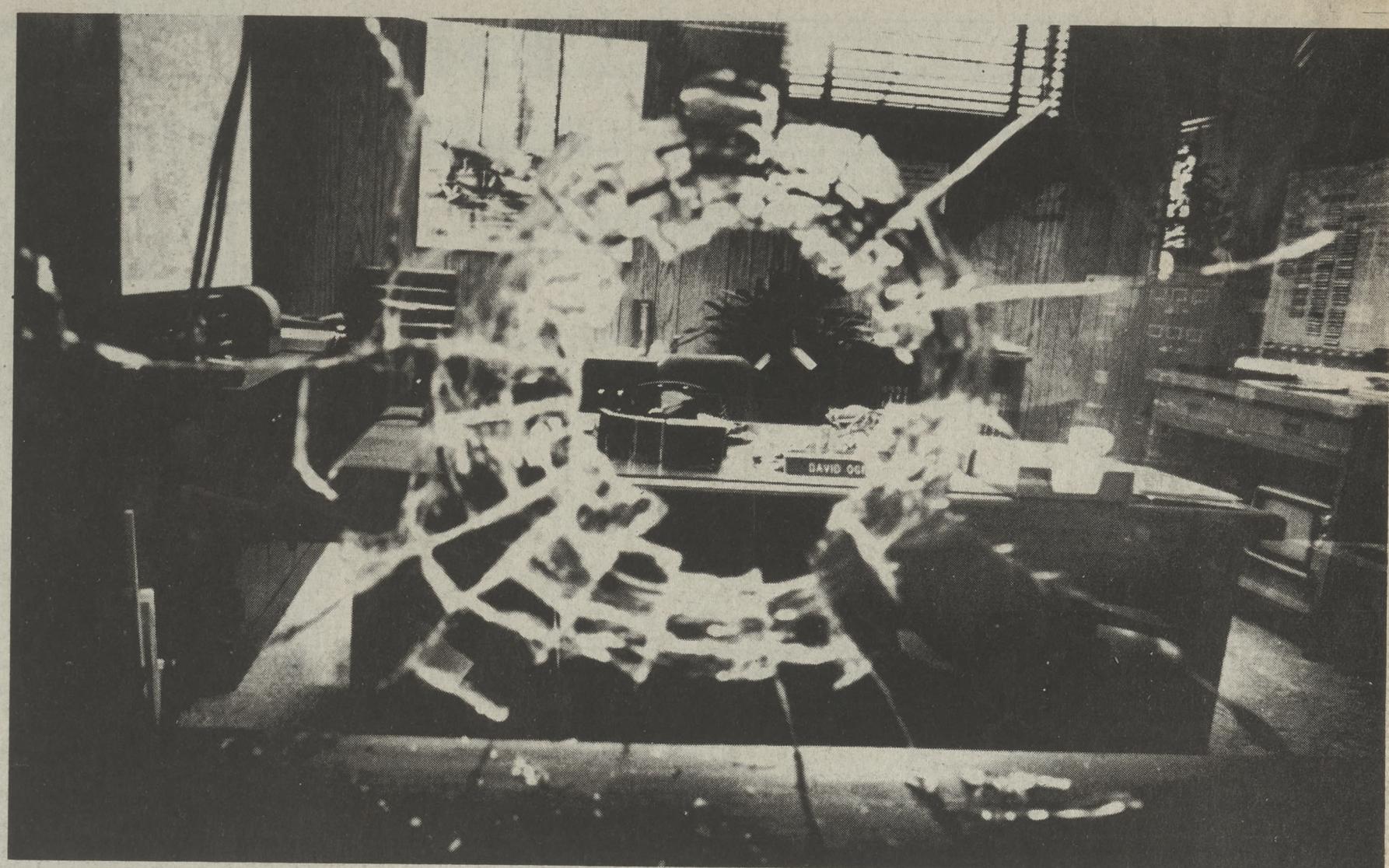
"The whole process will really depend on the students. If the continuing students are able to get their enrollment forms in on time, then there won't be any problems, and registration should run smoothly. Otherwise, students who delay beyond the June 1 deadline for mail-in registration will end up waiting in lines with new students, which could then create problems."

Summer school, which is scheduled to span from June 25 to July 27, will not be part of the mail-in registration, and all students will register with appointment slips.

Schedules will be available and registration for continuing students will begin April 30. New students

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Burke urges top level involvement by women

By MARY PARCELLS, Production Manager

"In 1925, we had two women serving in Congress and two states headed by women governors. In 1984, we have one woman governor and two women senators. We've come a long way since 1925," said Yvonne Brathwaite Burke during a speech yesterday in Monarch Hall as part of Valley's Women's Awareness Week.

The former L.A. County Supervisor, State Assemblywoman, U.S. Congresswoman, and civil rights activist urged women—and men—to make the best use of their abilities and aspirations and become involved in the top levels of policy and decision making.

Burke is currently a Regent of the University of California system, a member of the Olympic Organizing Committee, and a practicing attorney.

The first woman to have a child while a member of Congress, she stressed that "we can't afford to lose possible leadership on the grounds that that person feels that they have to make limiting choices. "While it's very easy for women to break into the local government and become involved, as they move

higher up the ladder, the ladder gets smaller and more and more difficult to break through."

However, she also said, "As you move upward you earn more money, and you have more resources to assist you in solving some of those problems."

Speaking about the current presidential campaigns, she said, "The elections are not over. I don't believe that in November you can assume that Reagan will be walking in with a landslide. For the first time, women may make the difference in this election."

She believes that there are plenty of women who could be vice-president or even president of the United States.

"Women couldn't do any worse and they probably would do a lot better," she said.

Without access to the political machine or large amounts of funds, Burke believes one can still become involved by taking advantage of internships, volunteering, or working for legislators.

In closing, Burke said, "What we're talking about is bringing

ourselves together, bringing our abilities and our aspirations together, and most of all educating the people of the United States that the greatest loss is when we are not utilizing our greatest single resource—our manpower and womanpower."

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Anti-communist views to be presented in connection with Central America

By FRANN BART, News Editor

Elbridge Cleaver, radical leftist and a member of the Black Panther Party in the '60's, will appear at Valley—as an anti-communist born-again Christian and aspiring politician.

The event, "Central America '84," will be presented tonight at 7 p.m. in Monarch Hall. It is open to the public and admission is free (donations will be requested).

Cleaver will be the main speaker at the forum, sponsored by Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) and

Community college reform

Purpose, quality questioned

By MARY CRONIN, Managing Editor

When discussing community colleges, the political buzz word in Sacramento last year was tuition; this year it is reform.

State legislators, concerned with questions regarding the direction of the colleges and the quality of education being offered in them, have introduced over 100 pieces of legislation pertaining to the schools, and although they agree that there are reforms that should be made, the types of changes needed are still unclear.

One area that is a prime concern is the purpose of the community colleges in the future.

According to Valley President Mary Lee, the schools serve several needs, including the awarding of A.A. degrees and occupational certificates, preparing students to transfer to four year institutions, handling the needs of returning students, and offering community service.

Which of these functions should have top priority is a source of continuing controversy.

At a meeting early this month of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, Chancellor Gerald C. Hayward said that the board has set "vocational education as a top priority in 1984."

New Board President David Keiffer, however, in a recent interview with the *Los Angeles Times* indicated that the transfer function was the "basic purpose" of the colleges.

Legislators are using the declining transfer percentages (less than ten percent of community college students transfer to four year institutions) as an indicator that the schools are remiss in doing their job.

According to Lee, "Certain things become important to people at certain times in history, and somehow the transfer function became very important recently."

Lee said that "it is easy to interpret statistics this way if the purpose is to criticize the community colleges."

She said that one statistic not commonly known shows that 60 percent of all graduates from the Cal State system have, at one time, attended a community

Shots in the dark miss 2 campus employees

By FRANN BART, News Editor

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be Robert Dornan, a former California congressman who is running for a congressional seat in Orange County, and four other speakers. A film will also be shown.

YAF Vice-president Patrick Leahy said that captured Soviet and Cuban documents pertaining to Grenada will be on display. Leahy claimed that unclassified copies of documents captured by U.S. rescue missions during the invasion have been provided by the State Dept. "linking Cuban and Soviet intervention in Grenada."

A fee of \$250 had originally been imposed on the YAF by the district to provide security for the event. This was a backlash from last December's Ernesto Cardenal Central America event in which numerous security problems occurred.

According to Leahy, the fee was dropped down to \$186, which he said was paid out of the pockets of YAF members because the \$250 loan from ASB to cover the fee would not have cleared in time for the event.

It is not known at this time, Leahy said, if YAF will have to use the loan which they are to receive shortly, or if they do use it, how they will repay ASB.

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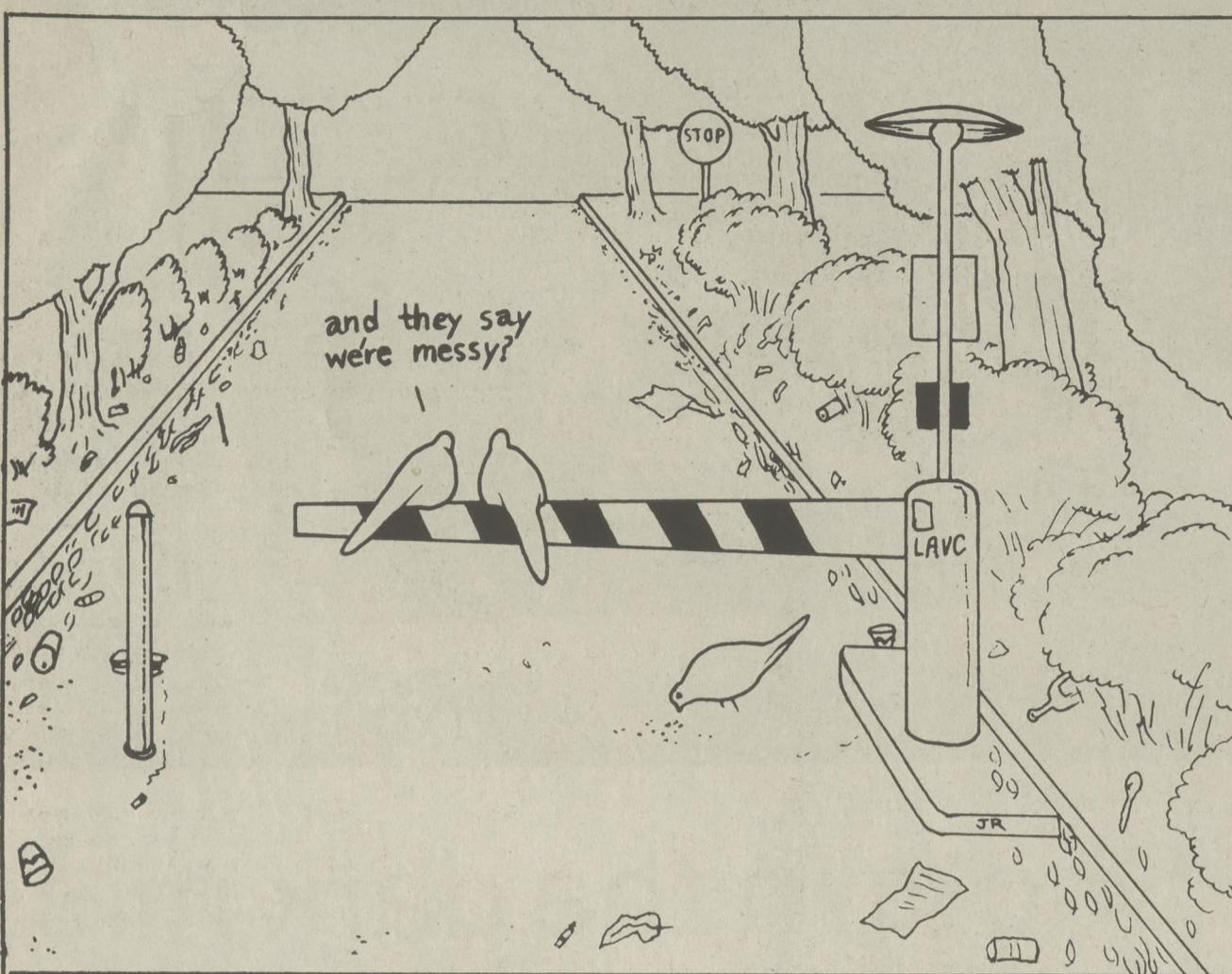
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April Foolishness



BURKE AT WORK—Former U.S. Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, at Valley yesterday for Women's Awareness Week, makes her case for the necessity of America to recognize women as valuable resources.

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Opinion

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STAR EDITORIALS

Degree or debris?

We have a serious sanitation problem at Valley College, and what is more serious, no one seems to notice—or care.

Desks and chairs are covered with unidentifiable substances, professors' lecterns are encrusted with fingerprints, the floors are sticky with grime, and the rest rooms are unspeakable.

Everything from the ceiling down needs scrubbing. Add the chaos of litter, and we have a disrupting and unpleasant atmosphere in which learning becomes more difficult and pest infestation more likely.

The steady deterioration of the campus makes one wonder what it will look like in the near future. A solution must be found.

Mary Ann Breckell, dean of administrative services, states that one of the factors causing the decline in conditions is funding cuts. Since 1978, the custodial staff has been cut from 56

to 33, causing the summer and general cleaning to be less thorough.

And the future looks bleak. The cleaning budget for next year is the same but with an additional problem.

Breckell said, "We have been taking money from our special funds to balance the budget. From now on, we have to live on our income."

Cleaning is an essential procedure for maintaining any large complex. Why are emergency funds used to pay for such a vital function?

Cleanliness needs to be much further up on the budget priority list.

We cannot function efficiently and happily with any further deterioration of our facilities.

The current conditions on campus do not aid the state of mind that is conducive to learning. We cannot soar with the eagles if our feet are stuck on filthy floors.

Torn between status and scorn

By CAROLYN BARRY, Assoc. Copy Editor

A college education creates a metamorphosis for success. Once graduated, the student embraces the good life—financial and intellectual—and suddenly is a winner.

However, he is a winner with scars—the scars of losing. Along the way, the negative message that students are a sub-species has left its mark.

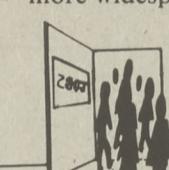
Ironically the role of a respectable citizen having credibility changes to one of a person of lesser worth when he becomes a student. Why is a person's credibility lessened and why are they treated with negative messages?

This transfer in status is especially noticed by people entering college from the business world. They see the contrast in communication, while a student straight from high school may not notice this phenomenon.

This enigma exists in and out of the academic sphere. The attitude inside college is more clearly defined but confined to a small group of professors, administrators, and clerical staff. The stratified scholastic society is evident every time a student is patronized, treated rudely or generally ignored. The attitude states that students are less

than human.

In the outside world, the message is carried in a subtler way but is more widespread. In both instances,



a person begins to question his identity.

When meeting new acquaintances, the subject of being a student can be likened to living at a non-prestigious address. A screen drops down, leaving the student on the undesirable side.

In many cases, education is thought of as fine for a tool for career advancement but not for general love of knowledge.

One Valley student who has a masters in political science but came back to school to learn says, "When somebody asks me what I do and I say 'go to Valley,' a blank look appears on their face. People don't understand just wanting to learn."

Acquaintances I've had for thirty years wonder why I don't go out to work or keep busy doing housework. They wonder why my husband tolerates me because I don't do either."

The student's family may contribute in furthering the derogatory message. Their message is that college is not work, so the student is just fooling around and thereby non-productive.

Internship programs support the lesser worth crowd. By not offering a salary or paying a stipend, companies indirectly state that the trainee has little or nothing to add to the corporate functions.

The workplace offers another contradiction for the working student.

The person is working and earning, yet a low status treatment is still present. There is a stratified society within the company, with the student at the bottom.

Catherine, another student, was a full-time employee in accounting. She took a substantial cut in salary to become a part-time worker and a full-load student. Without a B.S. degree she has no chance for advancement. At work she is treated differently than others in the office.

Even though she is doing the same job, she is no longer on the in-house mailing list. When she leaves early or arrives late from college, rude and sarcastic remarks are made. She gets little moral support from her peers.

"When I leave early, I am not getting paid. I am living on much less in order to go to college, and then to hear those remarks really hurts," she says.

Conflicts do hurt. The lofty ideals of getting an education versus the insults of the scholastic and financial status is a conflict. It either knocks the student out of the arena or adds determination. To make it in spite of . . .

The tedium trail

It is common in an election year to hear and read numerous laments about the apathy of the American voter.

When we consider, however, the astounding length of the presidential election process in this country, it isn't hard to understand why the average voter is immune to political pleas.

This year's presidential election began over a year ago. November is still seven months—seven long, tedious months of campaign rhetoric—away.

Day after day, we are inundated with promises, proposals, and prevarications. The campaign trail has become a much-too-long travelling sideshow, with each performer trying to juggle the potential votes of middle American farmers, various ethnic groups, and powerful special interest organizations.

We have straw polls, we have caucuses, we have primaries, all of which seem to be designed to confuse even the most interested, intelligent voter.

We have the spectacle of tiny New Hampshire outweighing our state in political clout in the primaries for no other reason but than it is the first to vote. And by the time the bandwagon reaches us, some good candidates have

dropped out, victims of this cumbersome, expensive, and outdated system.

The state-to-state campaign trail was necessary in the days before the electronic media, when long whistle-stop tours by the candidates were the only way a politician could personally convey his message to voters. Now, however, television coverage has made the present election system obsolete, and drastic changes are in order.

Potential candidates should not campaign until six weeks before the election. This time period, already used in other countries, not only has obvious financial advantages, but it would encourage candidates to concentrate on issues that are important, rather than on devising creative ways to make the six o'clock news day after day.

Americans would be more prone to concentrate on election issues if, rather than being inundated for almost two years with political prattle, they were exposed to a few weeks of honest discussion of national questions.

If we are to interest American citizens in the elective process, we must reduce the length of our current campaign marathons.

Majoring in motherhood: A lesson of love

By KATHLEEN MAHER, Assoc. Editorial Editor

ARLETA—10 p.m. With tomorrow's agenda organized and today's demands met, and despite the strains of Heavy Metal guitar emanating from my teenaged son's room, it's time to center thoughts on school.

Propped up comfortably, hot tea in hand, I open my textbook to material on which I already lag a week behind the lecture. Tonight, at last, I'll catch up.

Wrong! A hesitant grin precedes my young daughter around my bedroom door. Scrunching herself into the narrow space between my waist and my studies, she folds the blankets over my textbooks as she readies herself to reveal problems that only seem to surface as one searches for sleep.

No matter how well organized, no matter how disciplined or concentrated, as a single parent and student I find no handy compartment in which to separate time for studies from family needs.

Long familiar with being slotted to some computerized compartment, "mother" was always somehow attached—until I became a student—a designation I, at first, forgot.

On disability, the company compensated regular computerized payments with funds made available solely for any emergency needs of my children.

Widowed, Social Security itemized their benefits: this for the widow, that for each child. Even my junk mail (Cart Sori 33—single head of household) was directed to my mother status.

To my now frenetic teenage son and blossoming pre-adolescent daughter, Mom was it and only it.

My return to school and my pride

for my hard-won title of student at first blinded me to what was to them only a threat of loss.

Neither wood-rot nor furnace breakdowns prepared me for the cool reception received when, armed with that semester's textbooks, I introduced my new role to my family.

Flushed with enthusiasm for my new goals, I was cramming a new image down their throats in the spectre of the dreaded textbook. I was an oddball impinging on their turf, voluntarily running toward the classroom with the same gusto they were exerting trying to forget their daily enforced captivity.

Simple questions from them provided a forum for me. Where before, I was basically a listener, now I became wrapped up in school priorities or bent their ears with soliloquy.

Dinner became hurried, tossed-together affairs. Day-to-day rituals were sandwiched in or forgotten—always with the ever-present textbook gaining higher and higher priority.

Angry challenges began to emerge. The strains of "Tacos again!" or "Why can't you pick me up; you aren't doing anything!"

began to eat at me.

The interrupted sentence followed by "never mind," and the closed bedroom door left me suddenly lonely. The textbook, an avenue of escape from ignorance for me, was becoming my enemy, too.

It's the silences that often speak the loudest.

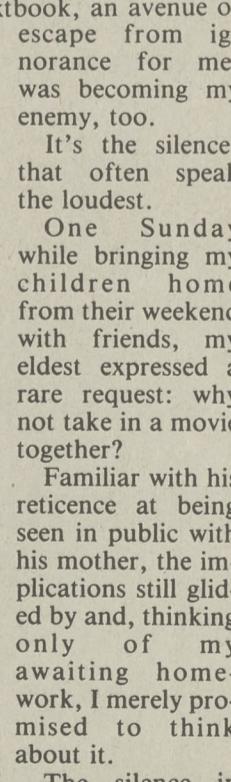
One Sunday while bringing my children home from their weekend with friends, my eldest expressed a rare request: why not take in a movie together?

Familiar with his reticence at being seen in public with his mother, the implications still glided by and, thinking only of my awaiting homework, I merely promised to think about it.

The silence in our house that night was deafening, but in the days that followed, drastic changes took place. The house needed new direction, and its leader, new priorities, or the regaining of old ones.

First, the enemy (textbooks) was moved from underfoot to a private, out-of-the-way corner. The house-cleaner and cook re-emerged, with only occasional peeks, when unobserved, at the enemy.

The beginnings were tough as priorities shifted between the pressure of school and the pressure



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Author recalls her past as Holocaust survivor

By AZADEH YAZDI N., Staff Writer

"It hurts to speak of the past when my soul is well and healthy at the present," said Gerda Klein, author of the novel "All But My Life," an account of her survival of the Holocaust.

Klein was at Valley on Tuesday as part of Women's Awareness Week and spoke of her experiences in the Nazi prison camps of World War II.

Klein was born in Poland, where she lived with her parents and brother at the time of the German occupation in 1939. She was separated from her family in 1942 when she was sent to a camp.

In the winter of 1945, as the Nazi empire began to disintegrate before the advancing allied forces, 4,000 women inmates of Klein's camp were forced to march 1,000 miles eastward toward Czechoslovakia by the Gestapo.

When the march came to an end in a small village there were only 120 survivors.

Since then she has not heard from her family or friends, and said she assumes they all died in the concentration camps.

On the day of her separation from her family, her father told her to wear her ski boots to the work camp, not knowing that they would help her in her fight for survival.

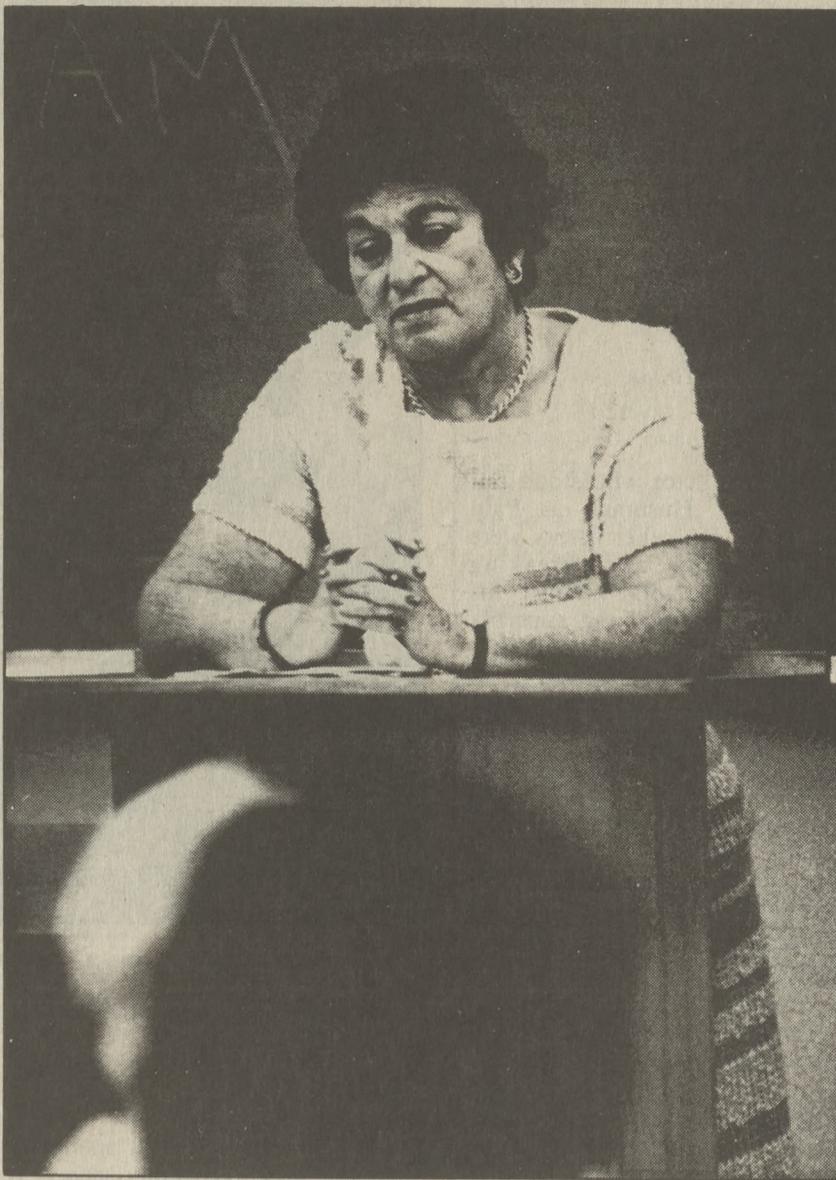
Three years later, after the Liberation, she took her family pictures which had been hidden in her left boot, and left the rest of her clothing to be burned.

Klein spoke of her best friend, Ilse, who died in her arms a week before the Liberation.

"She gave me a gift that was the most valuable gift to me. She said, 'Gerda, you have to promise me something, you must go on for one more week,'"

She also described her dreams in the past, and how she faced freedom. When she was released, she was 21 years old, weighed 68 pounds, and had gray hair.

"My first visual impact of



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LOOKING BACK—Gerda Klein speaks of her experiences in the Holocaust.

freedom was one jeep with two American soldiers, but I felt the freedom when one of the American soldiers opened the door and let me precede him," Klein said.

In June 1946, a year after her liberation from the Nazis, Gerda Weissman married Lt. Kurt Klein of the Fifth Infantry Division, the

same American who opened the door of freedom for her.

"No one can live happily ever after. There are still wars all around the world. I wish to tell you that this tragedy will never happen again, but who knows? That is why we have to feel responsible for our obligation to elect our leaders," she said.

For someone who can barely see, Herrera manages to do things most sighted people never attempt, and he's had a number of close calls.

Perspective

'Handy'capped helper

This is another in a series of profiles featuring some of the people who affect the quality of life at Valley College.

By THERESA McGOLDRICK, Staff Writer

"I am getting used to, and accepting the fact that I might not ever have 20-20 vision."

Valley College Commissioner of Handicapped Services Louis Herrera hasn't let being legally blind slow him down.

Among Herrera's duties as commissioner are the planning of a Handicapped Awareness Day, assisting handicapped students on campus, and representing them at various meetings such as Student Body Council. "At times I'm the handy, dandy tool man, because I will go out and repair wheelchairs or typewriters—whatever goes bad. Since I have the ability to do it, I go out and do it," he said.

He claims he can fix almost anything electrical.

Herrera, 21, was born with sight, but began to lose it when he was 3½ years old.

"I've been legally blind since I was 4½, but I could still see objects until I was seven. I still do have some light perception and tunnel vision," he explained.

For someone who can barely see, Herrera manages to do things most sighted people never attempt, and he's had a number of close calls.

He's been hang gliding in Palm Springs and competed in bowling tournaments and sailboat racing. He occasionally gets involved in sports car rallies, where he gives instructions to the actual driver.

From 1973 to 1982, he was active in Judo until sidelined by an injury. He said he still doesn't feel confident enough to go back to it yet.

After recovering, while riding on his bike, he was hit by a drunk driver. He broke his jaw, hurt his back, and dislocated his shoulder.

Another time, while working on his car, the radiator blew up and he suffered first, second, and third degree burns.

There are eight children in Herrera's family, of

which the three youngest, including Herrera, have visual problems.

"I have a brother that has an eye problem similar to mine, and a sister with partial vision," he said.

When he first went blind, school officials and instructors, as well as his neighbors thought he was retarded. He was taken out of school until his parents learned about a school for the blind when he was nine years old.

Herrera has been to many doctors, both American and European, but they don't know what caused his blindness or what the cure is.

"At times I sit down and think about it," he said. "I can be calm, and all of a sudden I will just have a temper tantrum."

"I want to find answers, and when I don't get adequate answers I get frustrated. I take my frustrations out on a typewriter or a tape recorder," he said.

Last year, Herrera went to the famed John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. "I don't know what they did, but I can see better now," he said.

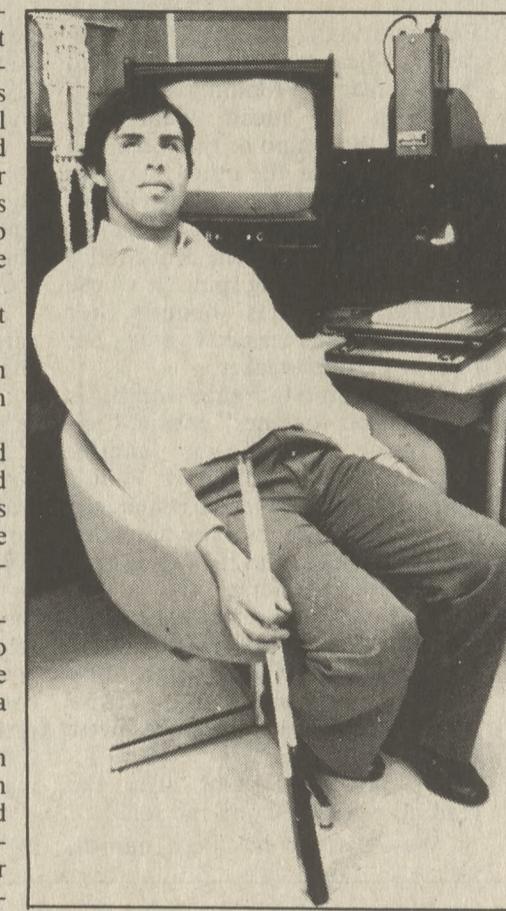
"Before I could only see shadows, now some days I can see some colors and objects if they are within 15 to 20 feet. I can tell the difference between a car and a truck."

On dark days, at dusk, and at night, Herrera relies on his cane and sound.

In his role as commissioner, Herrera's goals are to have not only handicapped students, but other students as well, involved in Handicapped Awareness Day.

"I also hope to have a get together where students can have a chance to work with or aid in handicapped students," he said.

Eventually, Herrera would like to have his own business distributing audio equipment, computer software, and naturally, anything electrical.



ALICE LOPEZ / Valley Star

Registration . . .

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will begin to register for summer school May 14.

Fall '84 registration dates for new students and make-up dates for those continuing students who did not use the mail-in forms will begin June 4.

Lee cited the reason for the new registration procedure as "a result of the new calendar. Because the Fall '84 semester will commence this year on August 20, we have to get registration done sooner and more effectively. Besides, this will be very convenient for students if they are willing to send the forms in."

Reform . . .

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While there are differences in attitudes regarding purpose, standards, and access, there seems to be general agreement on one issue: the need to resolve the colleges' funding problems.

The reform bill with the best chance for passage, Senate Bill 2064, would issue a contract for a study of the community colleges. The study would examine, along with the schools' mission and academic problems, the financing of the colleges so that financial stability can be achieved.

According to Schneider, "Funding is one of the things that requires study. What is more important than the type of mechanism for funding is the need for a permanent funding mechanism—one that gives the colleges the opportunity to make advance plans."

Schneider said the district wants the study to be done without the pressure of a fiscal crisis such as faced the community colleges in the past year.

"When you have a system where the funding mechanism is changed dramatically several times over several years, that kind of system just leads to chaos," said Schneider.

Lee is concerned less with the funding mechanism as with the amount.

"Whatever system you use, it still comes down to how many dollars you're going to give," she said.

"If you have a different form of funding and don't have the money with it, you still have inadequate funding. We need more money to do a better job at what we, as designated by law, have to do," said Lee.

News Notes

CPR CLASS . . . A class on cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be held next Monday, April 2, from noon to 4 p.m. in Campus Center. For reservations, see Carlos Martinez in Administrative Services 108.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT . . . The L.A. County Fire Department will be on campus next Thursday, April 5, to present job opportunities available with the LACFD. Presentations will be given at 11 a.m. in B.S. 100 and 7 p.m. in B.S. 101.

GUITAR RECITAL . . . Alice Artz, an internationally acclaimed guitarist, will present a concert in the Music Recital Hall, M106, on Saturday, April 7, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for students and \$5.00 general admission.

STUDENT LEADER AWARD Applications are now being accepted for the LACCD Outstanding Student Leader Award. Students involved in community, church, and social activities as well as student government are eligible. Deadline is April 23. Applications are available in CC100.

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EXHIBITS - FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT

Valley's orchestra augments culture

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

If you've become tired of the boring trends of today's music, or are searching for an alternate source of musical inspiration, look no further than our own Valley College Symphony Orchestra.

Conducted by Ted Lynn, professor of music, the symphony offers the music connoisseur an uncompromising sample of classical music by some of the world's greatest composers.

"We perform mainly the classics," said Lynn. "We do occasionally perform more modern pop tunes, but we most often stay with the classics. We like to expose our audience to less commercial forms of music."

The symphony consists of 50 to 55 members for a full concert. Two-thirds of the group are string players while one-third makes up the woodwind and brass section.

"The woodwinds and brass tend to overpower the strings, so the dominate instrument (in numbers) are the strings," said Lynn.

When there is a chamber concert, the numbers for all instrument sections are cut down. The ratio remains the same and the music literature differs slightly to accommodate the reduction of instruments.

The students have a certain

criterion to attain when they audition for the symphony or a chamber orchestra. The string players' standards are moderate because the strings tend to help each other cover up their weaknesses by their larger numbers.

But because there are smaller numbers of woodwinds and brass, these musicians must be of higher caliber than their string counterparts.

said Lynn. "Our schools' symphony is a diverse group in the true sense of the word."

During each semester, the symphony performs six concerts, most here at Valley in Monarch Hall, with occasion to perform outside of the school.



JOYCE SILVERSTEIN / Valley Star

Professor Ted Lynn conducts a rehearsal of Valley's symphony orchestra.

Their last performance of the semester, for example, will be at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles in May, which is usually a sell-out, according to Lynn.

Through a constant surge of musical talent coming and going, Valley has maintained a quality symphony and offers the music lover pristine classical arrangements for the student body to enjoy.

"We all have one common bond, the love of music," said Lynn.

Caged thrills for 'Canary'

By MARILYN MARTINEZ, Assoc. News Editor

Despite good directing, an excellent set and light design, the performance of John Willard's "The Cat and the Canary" teetered between sought after thrills and frequent yawns from the audience last Saturday night at LAVC's Little Theatre.

The play, a who-dunnit suspense thriller, opens in the library of Glenciff Manor, the home of now deceased eccentric, Cyrus Canby West.

Mammy Pleasant, a loyal black servant played by Victor Johnson, immediately sets the tone for the play by cautioning others about the evil spirits that have resided at Glenciff ever since Mr. West died. Johnson's costume, a long skirt and shawl with headwrap, effectively hides his manhood. His deep voice and slow, creepy gestures portray the woman servant believably.

The remaining relatives of West have been asked to gather at the mansion exactly ten years after his death at midnight to hear the reading of the will.

Harry Blythe, played by Ken

Bernfield, is the first to arrive, a sarcastic cynical man who attempts to hide his fear of "Mammy's spirits." Bernfield has much exuberance, picks up the tempo of the scene and sets a trend for the other actors to follow, although it seems that he has not decided where to put his hands.

Susan Sillsby (Ellen Rubenfeld) enters next, a young spinster whose prudish costumes benefit her character as she seemed to enjoy her role as a troublemaker.

Trotting onto the stage with her is her "forever-together" cousin, Cicily Young, played by Jennifer Wendel. Wendel's "Sweet Pauli" character and mannerisms enhanced her performance but her intended giddy walk looked as if she was trotting an invisible horse.

The final three relatives and the most outspoken characters to arrive are Charlie Wilder (Anthony Varicelli), Annabelle West (Lisa Jasper), and Paul Jones (Andrew Husmann).

The suspense begins after the reading of the will and the sole heir of West's estate has been named,

Annabelle (Jasper). A suspicious rumor is given to the Glenciff visitors about a crazed maniac who has escaped from the local asylum.

At the close of act one, the play, as well as the audience, picks up as the seemingly stable bookcase shifts open, revealing grotesque surprises that should be inherent in all old, dark mansions.

Act two, clearly the liveliest of the three acts, shows the broadness of the characters the actors are capable of. The characters hit their extremes in this act.

Jasper, as Annabelle, frightened by disappearing characters, moving walls and various unexplained noises, fluctuates from hysteria to a lovesick girl in the matter of seconds as she seems to be overwhelmed by the charms of her distant male relatives. Susan (Rubenfeld), in an attempt to cause trouble, tries to convince the others of Annabelle's mental incapacity, hoping that Annabelle will lose the estate by provoking her to be unstable.

As the menacing events carry on into the rest of the evening and act three, the one actor who stood out was Andrew Husmann as Paul Jones. While the other actors were busy overacting and breaking character, Husmann retained his character throughout and superbly played the shy, indecisive man.

The lighting was perfect as it created a mysterious stormy night atmosphere. Sound was complete with thunder, "evil spirit" ramblings in the form of reggae voodoo music, and typical mystery music that made skin crawl.

The audience appeared a bit bored by the end of the final act but the appearing, disappearing, and reappearing of the crazed maniac kept snapping them back to attention. The story is exciting to the end and deserves attention for the cast's effort.

"The Cat and the Canary" shows again at the Little Theatre tonight through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for general, \$2 for senior citizens, and free for ASB member. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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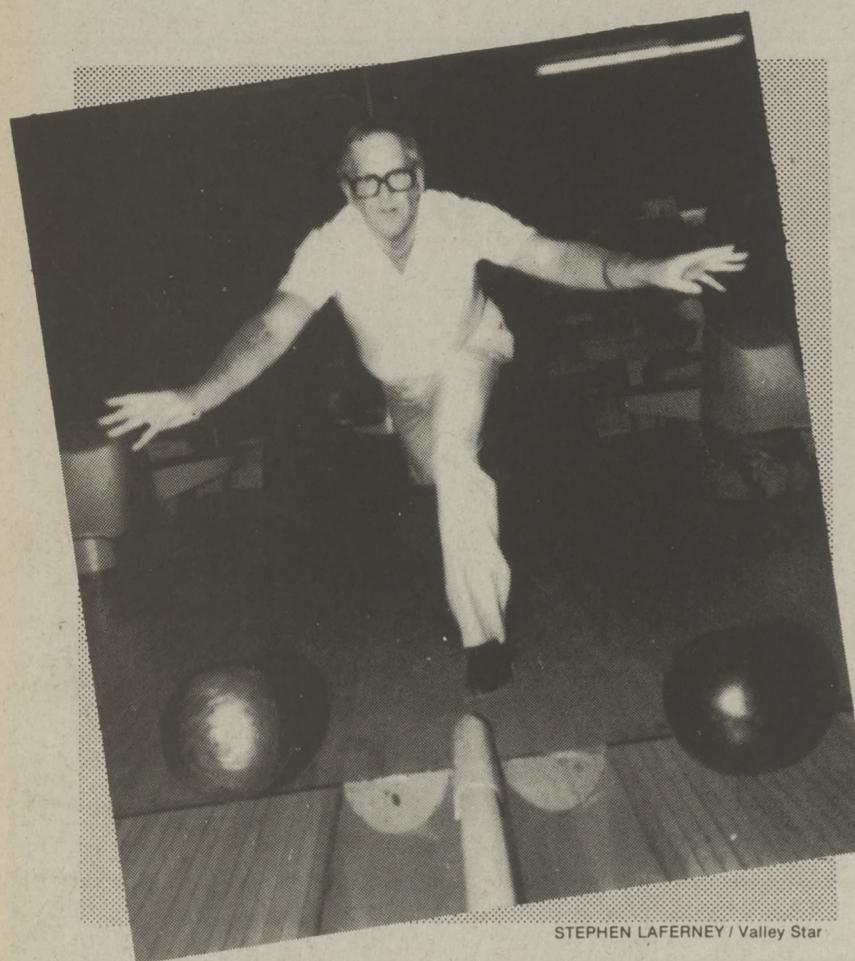
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Sports

Two hands are better than one



STEPHEN LAFERNEY / Valley Star

By FRANN BART, News Editor

Since Ralph Caldwell began bowling, he's literally had both hands full.

The former Valley head basketball coach invented a new sport he calls "Simultaneous Bowling" or "Simul-Bowling."

It sounds more complicated than it is -- two hands releasing two balls of equal weight down two separate alleys at the same time. (Are you still with us?)

Caldwell, whose license plate reads "X-Coach," retired from coaching and teaching at Valley in 1979, after two heart attacks. At first, he bowed -- the traditional way -- to regain upper strength.

Alternating the ball back and forth to exercise both sides of his body, Caldwell eventually realized, "my hands were competing with each other."

"I thought why not bowl two balls at the same time?" he said. His subsequent and first simul-bowling game in 1980 was an 80 -- 52 left hand and 28 right hand.

Although his score since then has gone as high as 360 (175-left, 190-right), Caldwell's primary goal in simul-bowling is getting other people enthusiastic about it. He's even established The National Simultaneous Bowling Council and printed a manual on the sport.

But for a man who thrives on challenges, this is the toughest one yet.

SCORE SHEET (March 21-28)		
DATE	SPORT	FINAL SCORE
21	W-Basketball College of the Canyons	55-46/COC
23	W-Basketball Moorpark Softball LACC Swimming	71-44/Moorpark 18-7/Valley M-65-24/Valley W-110-0/Valley
24	Track (relays) Santa Barbara Softball (doubleheader) Cuesta	non-scoring 112-0/Cuesta 24-0/Cuesta
28	W-Basketball Trade Tech	100-29/Trade Tech



AL MATIZ / Valley Star

RAISING DUST—Freshman Emmitt Gaines places third in sprinting at Santa Barbara relays March 24.

"The lack of interest is amazing to me," he said. He attributes this to "people being locked into traditional ways of doing things and not wanting to try new things."

Caldwell has been featured on the television show, "Real People" and the sport has also been written up in the press.

At a recent tournament held at the Reseda bowling alley where he bowls all his games, Caldwell, a large, friendly man with a penchant for kissing all of his friends, held court for the few adventurers who showed up. Dodger pitching coach, Ron Perronowski, however, made a brief appearance, and according to Caldwell, "He loved it, thought it was a real challenge."

The "logic" of the sport, as Caldwell emphasized, was evident at the tournament. With weight distributed equally on each side of the body, the participants, both young and old, seemed to bowling more smoothly -- and having a lot more fun. Twin strikes and spares are possible.

While Caldwell pursues his dream, he uses his very spare time to help run a family paving company, represent a travel agency, and coach a young girl's basketball team.

Whether Simul-Bowling catches on or not, one thing is certain—Ralph Caldwell hasn't retired. And for anyone who's game, he's still looking for a challenger.

Valley's swift water victory

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

Fine swimming performances by Janine Scollard, Lisa Stoll, Paul Swain, and Tom Miller highlighted Valley College's swim meet last Friday.

The men's team completely dominated College of the Canyons men's team. The final score was 65 to 24 for the men and 110 to 0 for the women.

The men's only double winner was Paul Swain who won the 50 freestyle (23.5) and the 100 freestyle (54.4). Tom Miller showed improvement in the 100' freestyle, bettering

his mark to 54.9 and took second in the 100 freestyle. His previous best was a 56.1.

"Our men's team dominated the meet. Basically we were too fast and had too much depth for Canyons," said Coach Bill Krauss.

Janine Scollard and Lisa Stoll were triple winners for the women's team. Scollard broke her own school breaststroke record, improving her time to 34.32. Her previous record time was 35.1. She also won the 50 butterfly and the 100' in-

termediate medley.

Stoll had good times in winning three events. She won the 200 intermediate medley (2:35.5), 50 backstroke (34.2), and the 500 freestyle (5:58).

Canyons only have four women swimmers and they did not show up, due to illness and classes. But our women still had some good times," said Krauss.

Valley's next swim meet will be tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. here against Cuesta College.

SPORTS CALENDAR		
(March 29-April 5)		
DATE	SPORT	TIME
29	Baseball	2 p.m.
30	Track Swimming	2 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
	Softball	3 p.m.
31	Baseball	12 noon
	W-Basketball	6:30 p.m.
3	Baseball	2 p.m.
4	Softball	3:30 p.m.
	W-Basketball	6:30 p.m.
5	Baseball	2 p.m.
	Swimming	2:30 p.m.

Monarch's defense struck out by Cuesta

By DAVID BRODY, Staff Writer

The Monarchs softball team could not score against Cuesta's All-league pitcher, Karen Canfield, but the Monarch's defense held tough.

All of Cuesta's runs in the doubleheader (12 to 0 and 4 to 0) were earned.

"Even though we lost, we did a lot of things very well," said Head Coach Karen Honey. "It was one of the best games we played."

The Monarchs had several chances to score, but "didn't execute offensively," said Honey. "We didn't come up with a hit at the right time."

According to Honey, the overall hitting has improved over last season's, but there is still much room for improvement.

"We're working much more on hitting," she said.

Diane Batham, first base, is the team's ace hitter with an overall batting average of .488, an average of .391 in conference play, but she and the other Monarch players couldn't make the crucial hits in the game against Cuesta, commented Honey.

Valley's third basewoman Dianna Bowman made some clutch plays and more than once dug the ball out of the dirt to throw the runner out at first.

Bowman has a good arm and the many 1-2-3 innings were made in part due to her exceptional fielding ability," said Honey.

"Exceptional fielding ability was also shown in the outfield. Debbi



ROBERT GRUSMAN / Valley Star

Lauderback, left-field, Cyndi Lotspeich, center-field, both returning players, stood their ground and played tough, not letting anything get past them.

Honey said, "As a unit, the infield is really good. Game by game they're getting better and better, and tougher and tougher."

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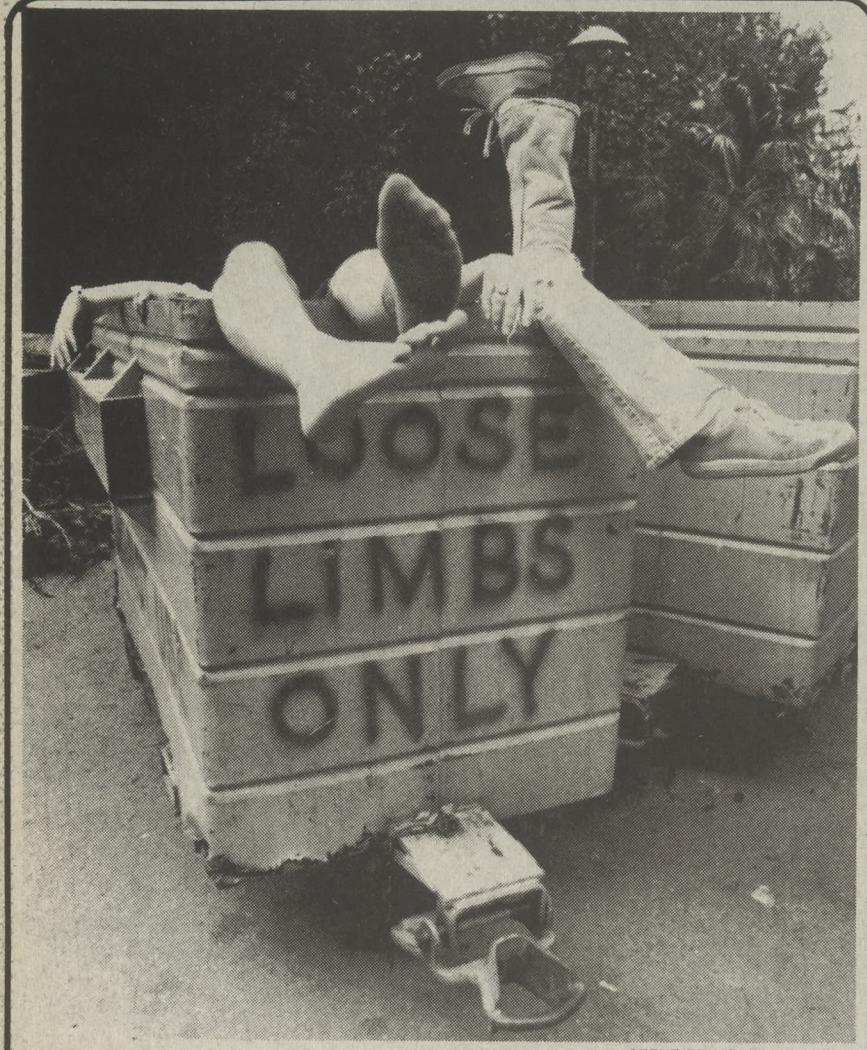
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STEVE PRINGLE / Valley Star

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—Love & Kisses
Crabby

P.S. Have a nice day!

New Olympics events pull into the chaos of Valley College's parking lot potpourri

By OLIVIA O. LIMPIC, Staff Staffer

Another event has been added to the already long list of Summer Olympic events and Valley College has been chosen as the site for this new competition.

The event is the "Parking Spot Race." According to Olympic officials, Valley has been chosen due to its "perfect conditions."

Finding a parking spot in the shortest amount of time is the main goal of this event. As many students already know, this is a challenging

task.

There are basically three methods that competitors will try. One is the "circle method" also known as the "hawk circle." This method involves continuous circling around a specific area until the odds win out.

The second method involves following a person to their car. This method is also known as the "stalk method." The most frustrating part is stalking a person for some time and at the last moment they turn

down another aisle. This tactic requires patience and a quick eye.

"Creep & Crawl" is another method. This involves moving in a slow but steady pace, while watching for the faintest signs of exiting cars—lights, smoke, etc. While this method will eventually work, the time factor is a problem.

Valley officials are quite excited about the competition saying it will be good publicity for the college. The only problem they see is

where the fans will park their cars.

Another event that is also being considered is an insanathon. This event involves competing in four different categories. First is the parking lot race, then the class registration race, next the book buy, and finally the dropping a class race.

There is one major obstacle according to Olympic officials. "We don't have three months to devote to one event."

Medium-ocrity to soon replace LAVC teachers

By KITTY SPEIDER, Staff Infection

In an effort to save money, spiritual mediums will be replacing Valley's teaching staff, according to acting president Mary Sunshine.

This change will occur in Fall of '84 and is expected to affect only a small portion of the current faculty.

Although the new administration is pushing to replace all instructors, many will be kept on because "their minds are already in the right place," said Sunshine.

Osmosis and spontaneous generation are the main concepts of the new curriculum.

"We really hope to stress spontaneous generation," said Sunshine. "Actually, it's an old theory. Like, one minute I didn't have an answer and then, out of the blue, an answer appeared in my head. It's really wild."

Another theory stressed is associated with spontaneous generation—spontaneous degeneration.

Spontaneous degeneration is very common today, according to Moon Insy, dean of instruction. "It usually occurs when homework is due. A student will come to me and say 'Well, it was here in my notebook a second ago.'

One of the new classes introduced has caused a lot of controversy in the community. This class is Biology 666 which delves into many hot issues and questions the excuse "the devil made me do it."

Another one of these new classes, "Using Your Textbooks to Their Fullest," incorporates an old theory with new methods. Osmosis will be the basis of this new method.

"The class will begin by meeting on the main lawn with books from all of their classes," said Tad Smith, class instructor.

Particular chapters that need to be reviewed will be carefully placed upon the students' heads, according to Smith.

"Students have been observed performing this method incorrectly. They would put their books underneath their heads, as a headrest," he said. "We want to teach the students the correct method—placing books on their heads instead."

According to unnamed sources in the chancellor's office, this new approach to education is a pilot program slated for all 109 California community colleges in the near future.

By HARRIET SCHWARTZ, Society Editor

Birds were twittering, the sun was shining and the flowers were smiling. The lawn of our very own LAVC was simply oozing with the creme de creme of Van Nuys society last Sunday for the Annual Spring Charity Tea and Dance.

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The only itsy bitsy detail that marred an otherwise perfect day was that my assistant misplaced all the NAMES who graced our humble campus that day and I have NO idea WHO was doing and wearing WHAT with WHOM. Simply appalling! One just can't get good help these days. Well, in any case, my dears, the event was, shall we say, rather "alarming."

To give you an example: A Count and Countess (I don't know which ones but I think they were Chinese) began break dancing after tea and the owner of Reseda and his mistress became violently ill after sampling the specially catered meal from our usually impeccable cafeteria. Well, you can imagine I was simply too frantic!

Finally, the "young set" moved on to LAVC's latest "groovy" spot, the Valley Galley.

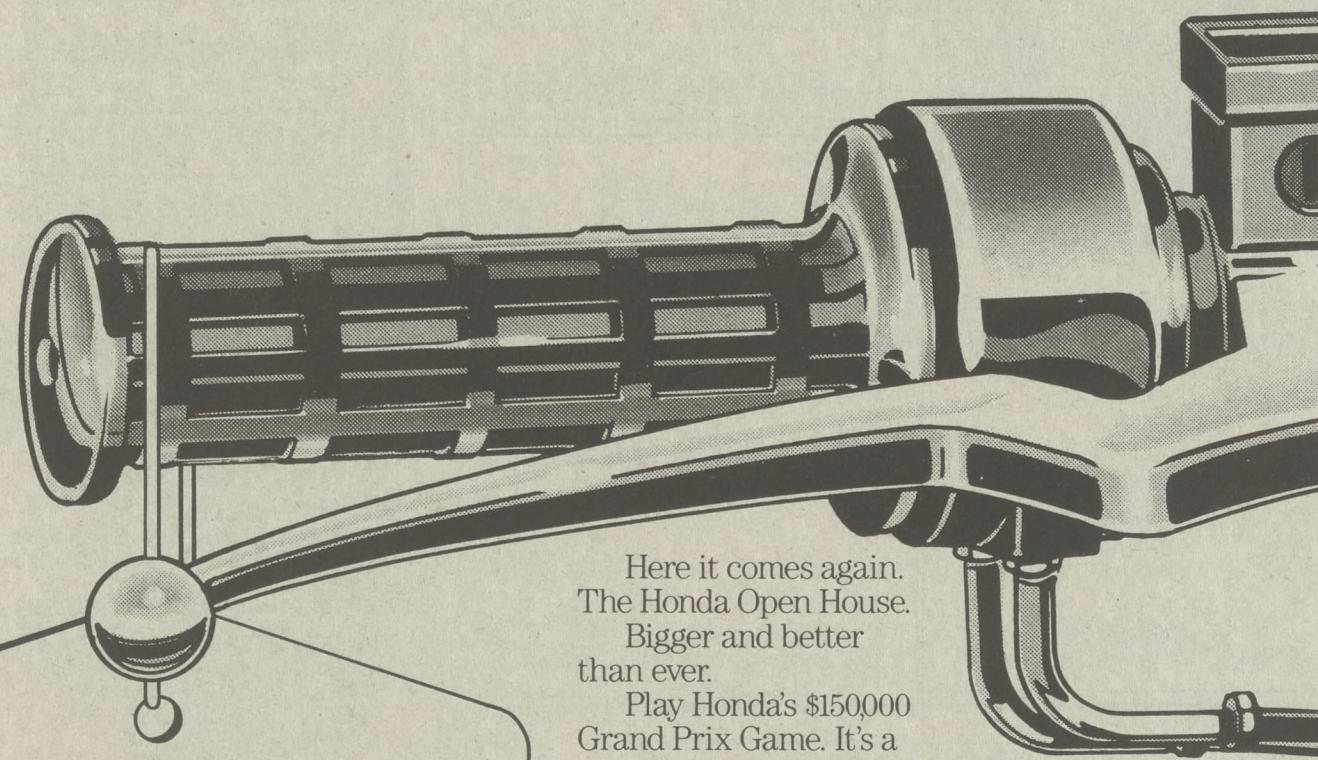
I have no idea who these fabulous mini-jet setters were but, they were all wearing hula skirts and army boots — simply too creative — and you can bet all the peons will be lining up at Zody's to buy theirs, once these fashion trendmakers have established the style. They were, however, doing naughty things on the tables and dancing the hula on the roof of Campus Center. You know the high spirits of the expensive young!

Also, \$25 was raised from this event to paint the Administration building a lovely shade of pink.

Keep watching this column for details on next week's event in Monarch Hall which will celebrate the establishment of the new Mortuary Science course.

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